Our Lady of the Black Hills

April 25 & 26, 2009, Third Sunday of Easter

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Liturgy and Prayer

Sunday Liturgy: Saturday, 5:00 pm; Sunday, 9:00 am and 6:00 pm
Daily Liturgy: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, 8:00 am
Morning Prayer: Following Daily Liturgy
Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation: Wednesday, 6:00 to 7:00 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:30 to 4:30 pm
Taize Prayer: First Sunday, 7:30 pm

Gatherings of Grace

Our parish has an intergenerational model of faith formation called Gatherings of Grace. All generations meet together the second Wednesday of each month, September through May.

Bulletin Announcements

Please email to bulletin@olbh.org by Tuesday noon for the following Sunday bulletin.

Sparks from Father Mark

The possibility of Becoming a Marriage – Building Parish seems to have brought some energy and excitement to the parish this past weekend. With two couples coming forward for a blessing at the liturgies David and Gloria Allardyce who have been married 42 years and Dean Mary Antonsen who have been married for 53 years. Several people said to me "I can't wait until the summer months to see how many couples will be coming forward for a blessing in the month in which they were married." This will be good for our parish community to see and witness, and strengthen the marriage bond of our couples in the parish.

I have had three couples so far who have expressed an interest in going to St. Paul, MN at the University of St. Thomas for the "Becoming Marriage Building Parish Conference" this coming June. One of the couples wants to put on a Dinner and Movie night, on Saturday, May 30th, as a way to help fund part of this conference. So, stay tuned for more information.

Some of the key notes and workshop titles are: The Sacrament of Marriage: Love for a Lifetime, Unless Lord Builds the House… Building a Covenant of Love, Teaching our Children about Marriage, The Adventure of Christian Romance, Happy Together: the Catholic Blueprint for a Loving Marriage, Strategies and Issues when Pornography Affects a Marriage, Integrating the Profound and the Practical: A Catholic Spirituality of Marriage, and Wake Up Call, Marriage, Baptism and Evangelization. As you can see this should be a great conference that could really jump start a new ministry in our parish community—Becoming A Marriage Building Parish. What do you think?

Another exciting happening in our parish when it comes to becoming a marriage building parish, is that on Saturday May 23 at the 5:00 pm liturgy we will have the wedding of Sarah Williamson and Michael Larson. In the past we have had the con-validations of marriages take place during our weekend liturgies, but as least for me, this will be my first experience of a wedding taking place in the celebration of the Eucharist at one of the weekend liturgies.

So just know that this could be a jam packed liturgy that Saturday evening as Michael and Sarah give themselves to one another in good times and bad, in sickness and health and to honor each other for the rest of their lives. And just think; we as a parish community get to witness this love as we do when we celebrate the love parents have for their children as they bring them to the font for baptism, which has become the norm for our parish community in which we celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism.

Fr. Mark

Growing and Celebrating through the Teachings of Jesus Christ

This Week at Our Lady of the Black Hills

Monday, April 27
Act 6:8-15; Psalms 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; John 6:22-29 (white)
8:00 am: Daily Liturgy (Intention: For Chris Abraham's Birthday)
8:30 – 10:30 am: Staff Meeting
6:30 pm: Cub Scouts
6:30 pm: Gatherings of Grace Core Team Meeting

Tuesday, April 28
St Peter Chanel, priest and martyr; St. Louis Mary de Montfort, priest
Acts 7:51-8:1a; Psalms 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab; John 6:30-35 (white/red/white)
8:00 am: Daily Liturgy (Intention: For the repose of Anthony Benson)
4:30 pm Lumko Group (in rectory)
6:30 pm: Landscaping / Mary's Garden Planning Meeting
7:00 pm: Boy Scouts
7:00 pm: Returning Catholics

Wednesday, April 29
Memorial of St. Catherine of Siena, virgin and doctor of the Church
Acts 8:1b-8; Psalms 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; John 6:35-40 (white)
8:00 am: Daily Liturgy (Intention: Healing for those who have been affected by sexual abuse.)
9:00 am – Noon: Food Pantry
6:00 pm: Adoration and Reconciliation

Thursday, April 30
St. Pius V, pope
Acts 8:26-40; Psalms 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; John 6:44-51 (white/white)
8:00 am: Daily Liturgy (Intention: Masses for Life)
10:30 – 11:30 am: Staff Holy Hour

Friday, May 1
St. Joseph the Worker
Acts 9:1-20; Psalms 117:1bc, 2; John 6:52-59 (white/white)
No Daily Liturgy
11:15 am: Bishop's Mass & Lunch at OLPH Cathedral

Saturday Morning, May 2
Memorial of St. Athanasius, bishop and doctor of the Church
Acts 9:31-42; Psalms 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; John 6:60-69 (white)
No Daily Liturgy
9:00 am - Noon: Food Pantry
3:30 – 4:30 pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday Evening, May 2
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 4:8-12; Psalms 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18 (white)
5:00 pm: Sunday Liturgy (Intention: For the repose of Clara Holzwarth)

Sunday, May 3
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 4:8-12; Psalms 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18 (white)
9:00 am: Sunday Liturgy (Intention: For our OLBH Community)
10:00 am: Coffee Hour hosted by the Knights of Columbus
10:00 – 11:00 am: Music Ministry Rehearsal
1:00 pm: First Communion Liturgy (Intention: For those who are making their First Communion)
4:00 pm: Confirmation Class
6:00 pm: Sunday Liturgy (Intention: For Tom, Betsy, Matthew and Christopher Van Asma)
7:00 pm: Life Teen / Edge
7:30 pm: Taize Prayer

Intercessory Prayers
Life and Health Concerns: Jane Abernathy, Kent Antonsen, Jesse Barber, Janice Collings, Joe Creek, Alice Donley, Ken Freeman, Barbara Hatch, Marvin Kari, Betty Kirker, Dee Miller, Joni Osnes, Enola Sorlie, Don Snyder, Gordon Stark and Jim Wranek
Repose: Sharon Bunch, Hank Pepin & Ruth Sealey

Collection Report
April 18 & 19

Loose	$ 2,089.76
Envelopes	2,588.00
Votive	6.00
Student	96.12
Adopt a Seminarian	280.00
Mass Intentions	40.00
Other	823.50
Total	**$ 5,923.38**

Mass Ministry Schedule

5/2 & 5/3	5:00 pm	9:00 am	6:00pm
Bread Baker	Becky Wentz		
Altar Servers	David Strand Matthew Linde Michael Linde	Courtney Cassen Jack Tidemann Taylor Thies	Megan Czmowski K. Chamberlain Kayla McCaskell
Precious Body	Jim Scherr	Caitlin Wilson	Cathy Wang
Precious Blood	John Usera B. Usera Greg Sass Barb Scherr	Lorinda Collings Gary Erickson Barb Erickson Judy Nelson	Teresa Thompson Brenda Czmowski Kevin Rohrbach John Wang
Lectors	Pete Linde Beth Anne Ferley	Tom Collings Judy Wilson	Tanya McCaskell Joni Osnes
Sacristans	Patty & Charlie Cresalia	Brenda & Marc Jacobs	The Blauvelt Family
Ushers	Kevin Conway Charlie Cresalia	Joan Wilson Kerry Wilson	Don Everson Kevin Rohrbach
Choir	OLBH Choir	Regina's Minstrels	OLBH Band

"The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone."

Psalm 118

OLBH Parish News

Fr. Mark Invites You To…

The Clergy on the Catwalk Fashion Show Fundraiser for the Cornerstone Rescue Mission. Many clergy from our community will be coming together for a wonderful evening of fun, fashion and FUNdraising – including Father Mike Mulloy and our very own Father Mark. Please plan to join us May 1st, at 7:00 pm at the Assembly of God Church on Hwy 16. Come and support our Catholic clergy as they "strut" their stuff in a very worthwhile event. For tickets please call Cathie Harris 431-8370.

Olive Wood from the Holy Land

This weekend we welcome Mr. Imad Qumsieh (Com-See) who is from the Holy Land (Bethlehem). He represents the Olive Wood Religious sales to support the few Catholic families that remained in the Holy Land. With the continuing troubles in the, Middle East, tourism has dried up and the sale of olive wood statues; which is their sole support. Your purchases will help ensure a Christian presence in the Holy Land, especially in Bethlehem, which is very important to us, because those Christian Families are protecting the Holy Sites and the Holy Churches for all of us and for our future generations. Please stop by, and take a look at their beautiful statues while they are here on May 16 & 17. They have a very beautiful collection of hand carved olive wood statues, Rosaries, and Crosses; there is something for everyone. It is a very good cause, and I encourage you to support our Catholic brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. Our Lord Jesus Christ calls us, as Catholics, to be generous. This is a good opportunity and a good time to help our needy Catholic brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. Thank you, May God bless you. Amen ~ Imad Oumsieh 402-934-6546.

It's Not too Late

This Tuesday was the 2nd session of the Returning Catholics Ministry. We will meet every Tuesday from 7pm - 8:30pm until May 19th. It is not too late to attend! Please feel free to join us in a small informal setting for nonpracticing Catholics. If you are shy and do not want to come alone, you are more than welcome to invite a friend. The third session will be on the Catholic Church today. This will be very informative for those who have been gone a while. You don't want to miss it!! All are welcome. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Greg Sass at 348-2213, email greg.sass@olbh.org, or Our Lady of the Black Hills at 787-5168. Hope to see you there.

Lumko Continues through Easter Season

This Lenten season we offered a number of times for people in the parish to experience Lectio Divina in the style of the seven steps as a way to be formed in the Word of God. At this point we are going to continue through the Easter season on Tuesdays from 4:30-5:45 pm in the rectory and Friday mornings from 9:00 -10:30 am in the library. These two Lumko groups are open to everyone in the parishes. I hope more will join us to pray and break open the scriptures with one another. For more information please contact the parish office and/or visit with Fr. Mark or Betsy Van Asma.

Attention High School Graduates!

Fr. Mark will be hosting a Graduation BBQ Tuesday, May 12th! Please call Teresa in the parish office to **RSVP**!

Fill the Fridge . . .

If anyone would like to offer the gift of a prepared meal for Joni & John Osnes, please contact Jane Abernathy at 716-0286. She will be organizing a schedule so their fridge / freezer won't explode!

Gatherings of Grace - "Women of the Bible"

Our last Gatherings of Grace will be Wednesday, May 13th at 6:00 p.m. We will be learning about a few women whose manifold experiences of God can be good news for the world of today and for our own personal lives.

TOTUS TUUS 2009

All this I do for the sake of the gospel – 1 Cor 9:23
Year of St. Paul: the apostle to the gentiles

Totus Tuus Camps are coming! Hiking, Campfires, Swimming, Games, and much more! At Storm Mountain Center.

- Girls Camp, for those who have completed grades 6, 7, or 8: June 23-26.
- Girls Leadership, for those who have completed grades 9-12 and older: June 22-26.
- Boys Camp, for those who have completed grades 6, 7, or 8: July 7-10.
- Boys Leadership, for those who have completed grades 9-12 and older: July 6-10.

Registration forms available online at www.Gods-call.org or at your parish. $20 discount coupons for registrations received before May 15. Contact the Office of Vocations for more information, 343-3541, ssafford@diorc.org.

Basket Auction and Dinner

We invite you and your family to a down home dinner. May 9th at 6:00 p.m.

Don't forget, Mothers Day is the following day, so you will have a chance to buy her a basket!

Advance tickets sales are as follows:

Adults - $8.00
Children ages 4-11 - $4.00
Family of 5+ - $25.00

Proceeds to benefit the youth attending Steubenville & NCYC.

High Tea Thanks

The High Tea was a great success with everyone having a good time, good food and much good conversation. The creative table decorations and themes were outstanding. Many compliments were overheard by those in attendance. The Stewardship Committee thanks those who worked so hard to make the event special - Hostesses Patty Creek, Mary Ann and Mary Pulaski; Gloria Allardyce and Pauline Stoffel; Ann Mitchell; Bonnie Hilt; Diane Clark, Pam Venjohn & Darlene Ziegenbein; Betsy Henn Nelson; and Rachel and Teresa Thompson. Piano music - Lorraine Ptacek. Art Contest Winner - Pam Weaver. Co-chairs - Judy Nelson and Donna Boner. Everyone involved went above and beyond the call of duty to assure that it was a memorable experience.

OLBH News continued…

Ministry Schedule

I have recently gotten a new ministry schedule program. Please bear with me as I work out the kinks. With this program it is very important that I have all your information correct. Please take time to look over the sheets in the gathering area to make sure all my information is correct. Thank you! ~ Betsy

Third Annual Wild Game Feed Fund Raiser

Elk Creek Steak House & Lounge will be hosting the Wild Game Feed on Saturday, May 15, 2009. Dinner and silent auction will be from 5 - 9 pm. If you like to sing, karaoke will be going until midnight. Show your support to our Piedmont Ambulance and Fire Department by coming. Adults - $10.00, 10 & under - $6.00, see Tom or Betsy Van Asma for tickets.

OLBH Journey into Spring with Wildflowers

Field Trips For All Ages

Every Saturday morning starting in late March or early April (in time for the Pasqueflower) we will guide interested folks into the prairie near Sun Valley Estates (off Elk Creek Road) to enjoy and photograph God's beautiful creations. Please call Dave Allardyce for further information and reservations at 791-2303.

Last season's wildflower growth was phenomenal, probably because of all the rain. We have no idea what will happen this season.

Diocesan News

Blue Army (Our Lady of Fatima) Masses

First Friday Mass will be held on May 1 at 5:30 p.m. in the chapel at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Cathedral. Following Mass, Deacon Bob Ellis, the national coordinator, will host a talk about Our Lady of Fatima. The Odessa Pilgrim Virgin Reliquary Statue will be in the chapel. First Saturday Mass will be in the chapel at the Cathedral on May 2 at 8:00 a.m. After Adoration, there will be a procession to the ICC, followed by closing prayer. For more information, contact Ellen Robertson at 605-718-9909.

Christian Family Planning

The next Christian Family Planning Seminar will be offered by the Natural Family Planning Ministry on Saturday, May 16th, 9:00 a.m. - Noon at Blessed Sacrament in Rapid City. This seminar is a requirement for engaged couples getting married in the Diocese of Rapid City. Married couples, or anyone who wants to learn more about Natural Family Planning, are encouraged to attend. For more information, or to register, call Jill or Kathy at Family Life Ministries at 343-3541.

Annual Mayfest Auction

To Benefit Rapid City Catholic Schools

May 1 is Family Fun Night at St. Thomas More High School. A dinner catered by KFC will be served from 5:30-6:30. Dinner tickets are $6 for adults, $3 for children 10 & under. A silent auction will be held from 5:00-7:15 and will be followed by a live auction featuring classroom baskets. The dinner auction will be held on May 2 at LaCroix Hall in the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center. The silent auction will be held from 4:30-7:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7:00 and will be followed by the live auction. For tickets, contact Rich Raposa at 391.2110. The Mayfest catalog can be viewed online at www.rccss.net/mayfest.

Divine Mercy Thanks

Thank you to all who came and participated in any way in Blessed Sacrament's Divine Mercy Celebration! As we go about in our daily living, Father Janusz stressed in his homily: The **ABC**'s of mercy call us to **A**sk for God's mercy, **B**e merciful to others, and **C**ompletely trust in His mercy!

NFP Workshop

Are you a nurse, physician, or health care professional who wants to learn more about the Christian perspective on sexual health and intimacy in marriage? If so, First Choice Clinic of Fargo, ND is sponsoring A RETURN TO WHOLENESS workshop from May 18-21 at Cardinal Muench Seminary, in Fargo. You may attend part of the conference or all four days. Registered nurses and physicians can qualify to become certified Marquette Model Natural Family Planning instructors. Registration before May 1: $175; after May 1: $200; Lodging: $15/night. For more information, or to register, call First Choice Clinic at 701-237-5902 or log on to www.teamfirstchoiceclinic.com. Note: All materials and instruction follow the teachings of the Catholic Church.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

As noted in the *West River Catholic* and in response to requests, the Diocese of Rapid City is attempting to organize a group for a pilgrimage with Bishop Cupich to the Holy Land from October 9 – 19, 2009. The itinerary includes three nights in Tiberius and five nights in Jerusalem with guided tours. The total cost is $4,350 per person based on double occupancy and 30 participants. All meals, round trip flight from Rapid City to Tel Aviv, first class hotel rooms, tour guides, gratuities and ground transportation are included in the price. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Margaret Simonson, Chancellor, Diocese of Rapid City, 343-3541. A $350 deposit is required by May 1, the date set to determine if there is enough interest to book the reservations.

Join Bishop Cupich

First Friday Mass and lunch with Bishop Cupich will be held on May 1. Mass begins at 11:15 a.m. at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Lunch follows in the church hall and concludes with remarks from Bishop Cupich. The $5 charge for lunch benefits the Rapid City Catholic schools.

Diocesan News Continued…

Rachel's Corner

O Saint Catherine of Siena, God our Father enkindled the flame of holy love in your heart as you meditated on the Passion of Jesus, His Son. Through your intercession, may we also come to know the love of Jesus. *- St. Catherine of Siena; Feast: April 29*

If you are hurting from an abortion, pray to St. Catherine of Siena that the flame of God's holy love will settle in your troubled heart at a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™.

Contact Carol Kling for information about area retreats at 605-374-5639 or ckling@sdplains.com or go to the diocesan website: www.rapidcitydiocese.org/Ministries/FamilyLife.htm. For more information, contact the national office at 877-467-3463 or www.rachelsvineyard.org.

Hospice Volunteer Training

SPEARFISH, SD - Hospice of the Northern Hills is hosting a three-day hospice volunteer training course Wednesday through Friday, April 29 through May 1. The sessions, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., will take place at Spearfish Chamber of Commerce, on April 29 -30, and at the Spearfish Holiday Inn Hotel & Convention Center on May 1. The course is free and open to the public, with no obligation to volunteer after training. Volunteers must attend all three days. Hospice is a special kind of caring for terminally ill people. Volunteers have a very important role and are considered the "heart" of Hospice. Volunteering for hospice does not require specific medical skills or a background in working with the terminally ill. Topics covered in the three-day course will include: Understanding the Dying Process, Patient Care, Bereavement, Cultural Diversity, Dealing with Stress, Spiritual Care, and much more. Speakers will include nurses who will explain pain control and how to make the patient more comfortable, a social worker to address advance directives, physical therapists to demonstrate use of proper body mechanics when assisting someone who is ill, and funeral directors to discuss helping families make final arrangements. Pre-registration is required for the course. To register, adults and teenagers, 16 and older, should call Rochelle Silva, Hospice of the Northern Hills Volunteer Coordinator, at (605) 644-4242. Phone: 605-644-4444 Fax: 605-644-4241

Did You Know?

Take the Child Safety Quiz

Parents, guardians, and adults who care for children face many challenges when trying to keep children safe from harm in today's world. The Web site for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) offers a range of practical information for parents and guardians. The site also features an interactive quiz on child safety for both adults and children. To take the quiz, visit the NCMEC Web site at www.missingkids.com and click on "Child Safety." The diocesan Safe Environment coordinator, Linda Severns, can be reached at 605.343.3541.

For the Ride Home

by Ted Bergh

Scripture

- The author of life you put to death, (Acts 3:15)
- you who relieve me when I am in distress; have pity on me, and hear my prayer! (Psalm 4:2)
- the love of God is truly perfected in him. (1 John 2:5a)
- Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day (Luke 24:46)

Reflection

- How do you die with Jesus?
- How do you live with Jesus?
- How do you show the perfect love of Jesus for you?

"What then will you give us, Lord? What are you going to give us?" "Peace I give you. My peace I leave for you," says the Lord. That is enough for me: gratefully I accept what you leave, and I let go of what you retain. If it pleases you, I do not doubt that it is for my own good …. I want peace, I desire peace, and nothing more. If there is anyone unsatisfied with peace they will be unsatisfied with you. (Bernard of Clairvaux)

Feiss, Hugh, O.S.B., *Essential Monastic Wisdom,* Harper, San Francisco, 1999, P. 129.

From the Pro-Life Commission

"Some claim that the embryo in his or her first week of development is too small, immature, or undeveloped to be considered a "human life." Yet the human embryo, from conception onward, is as much a living member of the human species as any of us. As a matter of biological fact, this new living organism has the full complement of human genes and is actively expressing those genes to live and develop in a way that is unique to human beings, setting the essential foundation for further development. … Just as each of us was an adolescent, a child, a newborn infant, a child in the womb, each of us was once an embryo. … As believers who recognize each human life as the gift of an infinitely loving God, we insist that every human being, however small or seemingly insignificant, matters to God – hence everyone, no matter how weak or small, is of concern to us."

On Embryonic Stem Cell Research: A Statement of the USCCB. June 2008. www.usccb.org

FAMILY LIFE CAN BUILD VALUES . . .

integral to a strong vocation — whether to priesthood, religious life or marriage. Teaching your children to value commitment, service and prayer will help them make strong vocation decisions as adults and live out those vocations with success and fulfillment.